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WASHINGTON, April 25, 1985 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,553 in March, compared with 650 in February and 1,213 in March 1984, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Total orders through the first quarter of 1985 came to 2,606, compared with 5,472 for the same period a year ago.

Cars placed in service in March totaled 868, compared with 830 in February and 894 in March 1984. Deliveries for the first three months of this year totaled 2,921, compared with 1,837 during the same period of 1984.

As of April 1, cars on order but undelivered totaled 4,629, compared with 3,954 on March 1, and 6,928 on April 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 4,239, compared with 6,375 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 48 new locomotives were placed in service in March, compared with 26 in February and 28 in March 1984. So far this year, 97 locomotives have been put into service, compared with 76 a year ago.

As of April 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 273, compared with 237 on March 1, and 93 on April 1, 1984.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on April 1 was 23,856, compared with 25,504 on April 1, 1984, and 23,878 on March 1 of this year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	March		February	Three Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	868	894	830	2,585	1,837
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	336	0
Built New - Total	868	894	830	2,921	1,837
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	868	894	830	2,921	1,837
Locomotives	48	28	26	97	76

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,553	1,213	650	2,606	5,472
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,553	1,213	650	2,606	5,472
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,553	1,213	650	2,606	5,472

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	April 1		March 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	4,559	6,928	3,884	4,169	6,375
To be built New in R.R. Shops	70	0	70	70	0
To be built New - Total	4,629	6,928	3,954	4,239	6,375
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	4,629*	6,928	3,954	4,239	6,375
Locomotives	273	93	237	254	86

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the April 1, 1985 backlog has been reduced by 10 cars.

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